1.   In a printing environment, a method for specifying application specific printing requirements for an arbitrary printing device, the method comprising:

providing a printing device having a plurality of default device setting sets;

configuring one of the default device setting sets by selectively associating an

5   application specific name with one of:

(i)   a standard default setting set; and

(ii)   an application specific default setting;

identifying which of the default device setting sets are to be used in rendering a particular print job; and

10   rendering the print job without using at least one of (i) a fully compatible printer driver and (ii) a printer definition that specifies an implementation of printing requirements for the printing device.

2.   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the plurality of default device setting

15   sets comprise:

(i)   a factory default setting set;

(ii)   the standard default setting set; and

(iii)   the application specific default setting set.

20   3.   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step for identifying which of the default device setting sets are to be used in rendering a particular print job is performed based on a characteristic of the print job.

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4.   A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the characteristic is one of:

(i)   a job name;

(ii)   a user name;

(iii)   a document name;

5   (iv)   an account code; and

(v)   a department code.

5.   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step for configuring one of the default device setting sets is initiated by at least one of:

10   (i)   a web page;

(ii)   a print job; and

(iii)   input received at a front panel of the printing device.

6.   A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step for configuring one of the 15   default device setting sets is initiated by a device management protocol.

7.   A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising performing an authentication procedure prior to utilization of the application specific default setting.

20   8.   A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising using a flag in association with the application specific default setting to prevent the application specific default setting from being changed.

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9. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

associating an application specific name with the application specific default

setting to create a named default setting; and

allowing the standard default setting set to be unchanged.

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10. A method as recited in claim 9, further comprising:

configuring the print job based on the named default setting; and

modifying the named default setting by a job specific setting.

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11.   A printing device comprising:

a plurality of default device setting sets, wherein the default device setting sets are configured by selectively associating an application specific name with one of (i) a standard default setting set and (ii) an application specific default setting, wherein one of the default device setting sets is used in rendering a particular print job without using at least one of (i) a fully compatible printer driver and (ii) a printer definition that specifies an implementation of printing requirements for the printing device.

12.   A printing device method as recited in claim 11, wherein the plurality of default device setting sets comprise (i) a factory default setting set, (ii) the standard default setting set, and (iii) the application specific default setting set.

13.   A printing device as recited in claim 11, wherein the print job is one of:

(i)   a fax job;

(ii)   a scan job;

(iii)   a copy job; and

(iv)   a document management job.

14. A computer program product for implementing within a computer system a method for specifying application specific printing requirements for an arbitrary printing device, the computer program product comprising

a computer readable medium for providing computer program code means utilized to implement the method, wherein the computer program code means is comprised of executable code for implementing the steps for:

configuring one of a plurality of default device setting sets of a printing device by selectively associating an application specific name with one of:

      (i)   a standard default setting set; and

      (ii)   an application specific default setting;

identifying which of the default device setting sets are to be used in rendering a particular print job; and

rendering the print job without using at least one of (i) a fully compatible printer driver and (ii) a printer definition that specifies an implementation of printing requirements for the printing device.

15. A computer program product as recited in claim 14, wherein the plurality of default device setting sets comprise:

      (i)   a factory default setting set;

      (ii)   the standard default setting set; and

      (iii)   the application specific default setting set.

16.   A computer program product as recited in claim 15, wherein the step for identifying which of the default device setting sets are to be used in rendering a particular print job is performed based on a characteristic of the print job.

5   17.   A computer program product as recited in claim 16, wherein the characteristic is one of (i) a job name, (ii) a user name, (iii) a document name, (iv) an account code, and (v) a department code.

18.   A computer program product as recited in claim 14, wherein the step for
10   configuring one of the default device setting sets is initiated by at least one of:

(i)   input received at a front panel of the printing device;

(ii)   a web page;

(iii)   a print job; and

(iv)   a device management protocol.

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19.   A computer program product as recited in claim 14, wherein the computer program code means is further comprised of executable code for implementing steps for:

associating an application specific name with the application specific default setting to create a named default setting; and

20   allowing the standard default setting set to be unchanged.

20.   A computer program product as recited in claim 19, wherein the computer program code means is further comprised of executable code for implementing steps for:

configuring the print job based on the named default setting; and

modifying the named default setting by a use of a job specific setting.

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